

REMARKS

Claim 53 is amended. Claim 54 is canceled. Claims 53 and 55-61 are pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indicated allowability of the subject matter of claims 54-57, 59 and 60.

Claims 53 and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,428). Claims 53 and 56 stand additionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gardner (U.S. Patent No. 6,146,934). Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, claim 53 is amended to incorporate subject matter of dependent claim 54. Claim 54 is appropriately canceled. Amended claim 53 is allowable for at least the reason that it recites subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

Dependent claim 58 is allowable over Chen and over Gardner for at least the reason that it depends from allowable base claim 53.

Claims 54-57, 59 and 60 are allowable in their dependent form for at least the reasons that they depend from allowable base claim 53 and recite subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

For the reasons discussed above, pending claims 53 and 55-61 are allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests formal allowance of such pending claims in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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